Government for a loan of Rs. 25 crore to the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board to restore cyclone damaged power supply net work; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Central Government in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board had requested the Rural Electrification Corporation in May, 1990 to provide to them a loan of Rs. 25 crores on soft terms for restoration of power supply network in the cyclone affected areas of Andhra Pradesh.

A Central Team visited Andhra Pradesh to assess the effects of the cyclone which hit Andhra Pradesh in May 1990 and the relief measures to be undertaken. The Central Government released a sum of Rs. 64.50 crores to enable the State Government to take urgent relief measures. Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board received Rs. 15 crores for restoration/rehabilitation of rural distribution system damaged due to cyclone.

Setting up of a Southern gas grid

*219. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposal to set up a Southern gas grid; and

(b) what steps are being taken to clear the same and expedite the construction work?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The matter is under examination by an Inter-Ministerial Group.

World Bank loan for gas flaring reduction project at Bombay high

*220. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has laid down certain conditons for providing loan to the ONGC for its gas flaring reduction project at Bombay offshore;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what is the total estimated cost of the project and by what percentage the cost is to be met with the World Bank loan; and

(d) in which manner the balance amount is proposed to be raised by the Government for the implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) The conditons laid down by the World Bank for the project which is estimated to cost US dollar 2878.40 million include gas pricing, monitoring of oil and gas field development projects, 4th round of bidding and environment clearance of the project. The loan is expected to cover about 15.7 per cent of the project cost.

Raids under the Gas Control Order, 1988

937. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids under the Gas Control Order, 1988 have been carried out by the oil companies supplying LPG;

(b) if so, the number of cases registered during the last one year;

(c) the action taken against each; and

(d) the preventive measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Following preventive measures are being taken to check misuse of LPG cylinders and equipments:—

(i) Identification of non-domestic consumers;

(ii) Organising random inspections of distributors' and users' premises by field staff;

(iii) Supply of cylinders of different size for non-domestic users;

(iv) Maintenance of separate registers by distributors for domestic and non-domestic users;

(v) Re-allocation of customers from distributors indulging in malpractices to others distributors;

(vi) Placement of separate indents by distributors for domestic and non-domestic refills;

(vii) Inspection by Officers of oil companies at various levels;

(viii) Issuance of the LPG (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 1988 by the Government, which empowers designated officials for entry, search and seizure in cases were unauthorised diversion takes place; and

(ix) Introduction of Domestic Gas Consumer Cards in a phased manner;

(x) Appropriate action against the erring LPG distributors in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and Dealership Agreements.

Oil Production Capacity

938. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total oil production capacity of the country including the oil explored recently in Bombay high; and

(b) the target of oil production by the year 2000 AD and the steps being taken to achieve target?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) During 1990-91 approximately 33.00 million tonnes of crude oil was produced in the country.

(b) The target of oil production for 2000 AD has not been fixed.

Power Rates and Billing System of DESU

939. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present rates at which electric power is being supplied to domestic and industrial consumers by D.E.S.U.;

(b) what is the present system adopted by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking for billing the consumers; and

(c) whether it is on monthly basis, bi-monthly basis or otherwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The requisite information is given in the Statement.

(b) and (c) Under the present system of DESU, bills to the domestic consumers are sent on bi-monthly basis and to the non-domestic/industrial consumers on monthly basis. A bill on actual meter reading basis is prepared every four months and a bill on provisional basis is sent in between for two months based on past consumption in the acse of demestic consumers.